

30 April 1959

To: Bu Aer (PH)  
Naval Receiving Station  
Washington, D. C.

Attn: Cdr W. Fraser USN

Subj: Navy Beckman Spectrophotometer Located at  
[redacted]

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1. To follow up on the meeting of our JCS-PSS Interservice Working Party on Ground Intelligence Photographic Techniques and Equipment at New Orleans on 9-10 April and our discussions at Bu Aer (PH) on 17 April, I would like to recommend that Bu Aer (PH) favorably consider leaving the subject spectrophotometer at [redacted] under an appropriate contracted arrangement. STAT
2. The members of our Working Party were favorably impressed with the quality and variety of research proceeding at [redacted] and which is to a substantial degree dependent on continued control experiments involving the Beckman Spectrophotometer. Unless the Navy had a higher priority of need for this instrument elsewhere it appears quite clear that the whole military photographic community stands to gain from the progress of [redacted] research, particularly with U.V. sensitive media. STAT
3. It is acknowledged most quickly that this matter of disposition of Navy contract procured equipment is a matter solely of Navy decision. The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend on behalf of our Working Party that should there be uncertainty or no clear cut priority demand for the subject equipment elsewhere that the Navy leave the equipment at [redacted] Corporation on an appropriate termed contract basis. STAT

Respectfully yours,

Arthur C. Lundahl  
Chairman, JCS/PSS  
Interservice Working Party on  
Ground Intelligence Photographic  
Techniques and Equipment